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CITIZEN BAND OF POTAWATOMI INDIANS

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As most of you are aware we have been in pursuit of a loan guarantee on funds to build a ferrosilicon plant and a grey iron foundry. Due to things beyond our control it has dragged out intolerably but, at this writing, we are assured that the BIA intends to commit itself to a guarantee for twelve million dollars to build the alloy (ferrosilicon) plant. We believe that they will eventually go the whole route and guarantee the twenty-six million dollars to build both the alloy plant and foundry. When we could not get an answer one way or the other from the BIA, I wrote to Senator Henry Bellmon and asked for assistance. His letter, in part, stated that from all indications it appeared that the request would be granted. This project represents a lot of effort and we are deeply gratified to learn that it may end in success. This project can literally put us in big business as a Tribe.

Two years ago my wife, Wanda Jo Peltier, wrote and submitted a proposal to the Campaign for Human Development for funding with which to repair the homes of older Indian adults in rural areas. The competition was keen and for some reason it was not funded. This year it was re-submitted with minor changes and we have been funded for \$100,000.00. The Campaign for Human Development is sponsored by the United States Catholic Conference, Inc., and the proposals are selected in nationwide competition. We are proud of being able to compete on a national level and we are grateful to Wanda Jo for a fine effort in our behalf. We have reason to believe that with success in this program we will be funded for home repairs on a year to year basis.

Those of you who have children in grades 9 through 12 are reminded that your children are eligible for attendance at Chilocco Indian School if they are 1/4 or more Indian. If you are 1/4 or more Indian and want to learn a trade, age is no barrier at Chilocco. For more information contact Jimmy Baker, Superintendent, Chilocco Indian School, Chilocco, OK 74635.

For some of you there is a locating map enclosed with your newsletter. The information requested is very important to a survey which is being conducted by the Tribal Office. We would sincerely appreciate your filling out the form and returning it to us.

Our "Little Papoose Children's Center" proposal was funded and the Center is in operation at St. Benedict's Church in Shawnee. This Center will provide day care for children of working Indian mothers who, presently, are having to wrestle with the high cost of day care for their children. Age groups involved in the Center will range from six months through four years. There will be no tuition or other charges involved in the use of the Center. This grant is for \$35,000.00 and if we are successful in this operation it can be an on-going program for years to come.

Mrs. Gladys Louraine Moeller, 816 Cherokee, Oskaloosa, KS 66066, is compiling a family history on the Bertrand-Higbee family. Anyone who is a descendent of Joseph Bertrand, Sr. and Madelon, daughter of Topenebee, Potawatomi Chief, is invited to write Mrs. Moeller at the above address. She is especially interested in Bertrand descendants from Samuel Bertrand, Amab Bertrand, Benjamin Bertrand and Laurent Bertrand. All inquiries answered.

The proposals for use of the program share of the claims award money are being written at this time. I apologize for the tardiness involved in something so important to all of the Tribe. The task of preparing these proposals was assigned to a member of the Business Committee because I felt that somebody else should be involved. I had not counted on the inability of that person to do the job or her unwillingness to help. I am working on the proposal full time now and they should be finished within the next few days. In conversation with John Taylor, Shawnee BIA, I've learned that the other segments of the Tribe have not agreed yet to their percentages of the award. Mr. Taylor is not too optimistic that any kind of payment can be made very soon because of the eastern portion of the Potawatomi Tribe. I believe their problem is that they are not able to get enough people together to make decisions for their portion of the Tribe.

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TRIBAL GOVERNMENT DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

We were funded for \$33,330.00 in Fiscal '76 for Tribal Government Development. The funds were used in accordance with the following planned budget.

<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>TOTAL BUDGET</u>
Salaries	\$21,100.00
Soc. Sec. Expense	1,210.95
Telephone	600.00
Rent	480.00
Office Supplies	2,000.00
Travel	1,500.00
Postage	1,500.00
Equipment Rental	850.00
Accounting & Audit	900.00
Workmen's Comp.	-0-
Copier Supplies & Rental	3,000.00
Unemployment Taxes	<u>189.05</u>
TOTAL	\$33,330.00

Through the use of TGDP and ONAP (Office of Native American Programs) funds we have been able to develop a highly competent staff with which to conduct Tribal business. Our programs and the budgets involved have grown to the extent that we no longer can get by with having just anybody "keep the books". We have to have people who are professional in their areas of expertise.

We have fifteen different programs now and two more in the offing which will add immeasurably to the services which we will be able to offer the Tribe. To handle these programs efficiently is a full workload for the entire staff. These programs incidentally, afford jobs for 54 people. The new programs which we expect soon should furnish at least six more jobs which will give us a total of sixty.

In the past, because of my opposition to the manner in which CTSA Enterprises has been operated, I have been accused trying to "break up CTSA". A new Board of Directors, recently appointed, appears to feel the same way I do about it and a complete re-organization is underway. Operated openly and above board, by the right rules, it can become an asset to the five tribes of this area.

We still have a substantial number of Priscilla Mullin Sherard's book, "People of the Place of the Fire" and "Indian Recipes" on hand. They are available at the tribal office for \$5.00 and \$2.00. If requested by mail, "People of the Place of the Fire" is \$5.50 and "Indian Recipes" is \$2.50. Please make your checks to Citizen Band Potawatomi Indians when ordering by mail.


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